

DRANK, AND THEN ALL WAS BLANK.

Fate of a New Jersey Man
While Seeing the Sights
in Washington.

His Brief Acquaintance with
Two Friendly Strangers
Cost Him \$13.

Police Found the Men Who Gave
Him the "Knockout Drops"
Were Clever Crooks.

MANY FRIENDS TO THEIR RESCUE.

Victim Appealed to in Vain to Drop the
Prosecution—Pennsylvanian Robbed
of Two Two-Cent Stamps by
the Prisoners.

Washington, May 3.—Two of the most
notorious pickpockets and "knockout-drop"
men that ever claimed New York for their
home were yesterday indicted by the
Grand Jury for larceny from the person.
They are Fred Nelson, alias Mike Lyons,
alias Stevens, alias Gallagher, and Frank
Lewis, alias Harry Armstrong, alias
"Shoney" Lewis, alias Mansfield.

The police think they have a clear case
against the men, and believe that they
will be able to send them up for at least
twelve or fifteen years. The prisoners
have offered to plead guilty if not given a
sentence of over five years. Lewis and Nel-
son are known from San Francisco to New
York, and besides those cities, are wanted
in Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cincinnati and
Louisville.

Last February the two men came to
Washington when the Alexandria race track
was in full swing. When the races stopped
the crooks around town became desperate,
and Nelson and Lewis soon began their
old working of picking pockets. They oper-
ated on street cars and around Dr. Tal-
mage's church.

In trying to get a diamond pin at the
church the victim felt the touch and im-
mediately called for the police. In the excite-
ment that ensued the men escaped, went
down to the depot and took a train for Bal-
timore. After remaining in that city for
about three weeks, they returned to Wash-
ington and began the use of knockout drops
on the unsuspecting visitors to this city.

CAME TO SEE THE SIGHTS.

On March 24 last a man named Outwater,
of Paterson, N. J., came here to see the
sights. He went over to the Bureau of En-
graving and Printing, and with a party was
put in charge of a guide, to be shown around
the building. With the crowd were Lewis and
Nelson.

When the sightseers had finished their
round Nelson invited Outwater to go out and
have a drink. The Jerseyite and his new-
found friends adjourned to a nearby saloon,
and Nelson ordered three cocktails and
asked the bartender to make them sweet.
Lewis, in the meantime, had gotten Out-
water over to the other side of the room and
was explaining to him the mysteries of
money making as practiced in the Engraving
Bureau.

When the drinks were put on the bar
Nelson asked for a bottle of mineral water,
and when the bartender turned around to
get it, he poured a portion of his knockout
drops into the Jerseyman's drink. All three
drank and Outwater complained of feeling
faint and said that the cocktail was too
sweet.

At this moment a physician entered the
saloon and the bartender addressed him as
"Doctor." As soon as the crooks heard
the man called "Doctor" they suggested to
Outwater that he would feel better if he
went out into the air. He agreed, and that
is all he remembers.

FAILED TO FIND \$200.

He woke up about four hours later lying
in the grounds surrounding the Agricultural
Department Building and discovered that
he had lost \$13 in money, the thieves fail-
ing to find \$200 that was in an inside
pocket. The fact was reported at Police
Headquarters the next day and two of the
best men on the force put to work on it.

Mrs. DyGroat, the guide, who had charge
of the party in the Bureau of Printing and
Engraving, remembered seeing one of the
men nod to a pressman employed there.
The pressman said that he lived at No.
216 E street, and that the two men had
been stopping there for some time. That
night the detectives went there and ar-
rested the men.

In the room was found enough chloral
to kill 100 men. The crooks explained its
presence by saying that they were addicted
to its use, but at no time since they have
been locked up have they once asked for
any.

After they had been in jail for nearly a
week a Mrs. Stevens and an unknown
young woman called to see the prisoners.
Mrs. Stevens claimed to be the mother of
Nelson and the other woman said she was
his affianced wife. Both registered from
New York.

BOUND TO PROSECUTE.

They had a talk with Nelson and left,
the younger woman going to Paterson to
see Outwater. She had a talk with him
and begged him not to prosecute, saying
that Nelson had done her a far greater
wrong than he did to Outwater, but she
had forgiven him, and that as soon as he
was released he was going to marry her.
Outwater was obdurate and told the woman
that he was going to prosecute both of
the men.

After the two women left another came.
She registered at a hotel as Mrs. Lillian
Leighton and at the jail as Mrs. Nelson.
She was a handsome blonde and wore a
number of diamonds. She claimed to be
Nelson's wife and said that she had sold
out her fat in New York to get money to
help him out of his scrape. On her second
visit to the jail she was accompanied by
a Mrs. Cobb, also from New York.

They talked with the prisoners for some
time and the detectives finding that they
had registered at the jail under different
names from those used at the hotel, ar-
rested them, but could find nothing on
which to hold them.

The next visitor was a man, who said
he was Frank Lewis, of Philadelphia, and
claimed to be a brother of Lewis. He was
arrested and admitted that his name was
Harry Greenstein and that Lewis's name
was also Greenstein.

TOOK THE TWO-CENT STAMPS.

On him was found a telegram from Birm-
ingham stating that \$200 had been sent
by express and asking if more was neces-
sary. He said that it had been sent by a

stater who runs a dance house at that
place. The police detained him for a few
days and then released him.

Since the arrest of Nelson and Lewis an-
other case of knockout, for which they
were responsible, turned up in that of
Washington R. Brown, of Chester, Pa.
They robbed him of \$20, and to show the
get-all-in-sight policy of the men, it may be
added that he had two two-cent stamps
which were also taken.

Outwater and Brown appeared before the
Grand Jury yesterday and two indict-
ments were found against Nelson and
Lewis. They will be placed on trial within
the next three weeks.

A preliminary test was made last night
of the transmission of power from Niagara
Falls over an ordinary Western Union wire
by the Tesla system. The test was in ev-
ery way successful, and developed more ef-
ficiency than was anticipated. There was a
loss of less than 30 per cent—350 volts be-
ing sent from Niagara and 235 volts received
here.

HOLMES'S LAST SUNDAY.

Murderer Grows Silent and Depressed as
the Day Set for His Execution
Approaches.

Philadelphia, May 3.—H. H. Holmes, the
murderer, spent his last Sunday on earth
preparing for death. As the day of his ex-
ecution draws near Holmes becomes more
silent and depressed. The horror of his
deeds seems now only to impress itself
upon him, and he is just realizing what
death means.

This realization brings with it melan-
cholia, and instead of the apparently light-
hearted, careless prisoner that he was until
about two weeks ago, he is crushed and
cheerless. His change of spirit has caused
the death watch to be doubled, and day and
night he is under the watchful eye of a
prison keeper.

When the prisoners in Moyamensing
awoke this morning, Holmes was already
up and dressed. He passed a restless night,
finding more peace in chaffing with his
death watch than in lying down. After
breakfast he was visited by Father Daly,
of the Church of the Annunciation, who
prayed with him and gave him some spiri-
tual advice. This was his only visitor all
day.

The applications for cards to the hang-
ing are unusually numerous, but Sheriff Cle-
ment is careful that none but those entitled
by law shall witness Holmes's death. But
one representative of the daily local papers
will be permitted in the prison, and all
artists and cameras will be barred.

TOOK A FEARFUL DROP.

New York Salesman Fell Three Stories and
Struck on His Feet, Receiv-
ing Fatal Injuries.

St. Louis, May 3.—While in a delirium,
Samuel Bissell, aged twenty-eight years,
travelling salesman for the H. B. Claffin
dry goods company, of New York, climbed
out of a third-story window of the Plan-
ters' Hotel, momentarily swung by his hands
from the casing, then dropped. The win-
dow overlooked an asphalt-paved alley.
Bissell struck the hard pavement standing
erect, but went over like a shot. The force
of the fall burst his shoes, broke one leg,
fractured his skull and injured him inter-
nally. He still lives, but cannot live many
hours.

Bissell came to the Planter's April 24.
Two days later he disappeared, leaving his
baggage in the hotel. Four days later his
wife telegraphed to the Planter's making
anxious inquiries concerning him, and on
Saturday two detectives, under Mrs. Bis-
sell's directions, vainly searched the town
for him. This morning Bissell returned so
changed that Clerk Moore did not know



him. He confessed to having been on a
fearful spree, but could give no account of
himself. Dr. Lyons attended him at 1
o'clock. About 6 o'clock Bissell was alone
in his room. J. A. Green, the laundryman,
who was in the alley, saw Bissell at the
window and witnessed his fall.

ART FOR THE EAST SIDE.

Splendid Exhibition of Paintings Opened
Under the Auspices of the Hebrew
Institute.

A free art exhibition was opened in the
Hebrew Institute, at East Broadway and
Jefferson street, last night. It was an
instantaneous success. The exhibition is
under the auspices of the Educational
Alliance, and there are on view about
\$150,000 worth of paintings.

From the time the doors were opened
people crowded into the auditorium of the
Institute.

President Isidor Straus made an address
of welcome. Then the sight-seeing began.
Some of the best known pictures on
exhibition are Kowalski's "Polish Scene,"
Plosson's "Happy Family," Huguett's
"Watering of the Horses," Vanille's "Civil
Marriage," Gorn's "Ladies of the Harlem
Feeding Pigeons," and Clara McClesner's
"Blind Musician." The exhibition will be
open for three weeks.

Reward for Young Kittel's Body.

A general alarm was sent out from Pol-
ice Headquarters last night asking the
captains of precincts on the North River
front to look out for the body of fourteen-
year-old Herbert S. Kittel, who was
drowned in the Hudson River on Thursday
last by the upsetting of his canoe off
Battery Park. The boy's father has offered
a reward of \$100 for the recovery of the
body.



OOM PAUL MAKES THE LION JUMP AROUND.

PISTOL ENFORCES EXCISE.

A Patrolman with His Knee in a Crack of
McCann's Saloon Door Shot
into the Place.

John McCann, a saloon keeper at No.
126 West Nineteenth street, was arrested
yesterday for violating the Excise law,
and said that there was a keg of beer,
several bottles of beer and whiskey and
three men in the room, but he said nothing
about having discharged his revolver.

Later in the day McCann was released on
bail. He said that Rosenberg had no right
to fire his revolver, as he was alone in the
room and was not violating the law.

"The door of the back room," he said,
"was locked with a chain lock, when the
patrolman shoved the door open the length
of the chain and demanded admittance. I
told him that I was not open for business,
and without further argument he drew his
revolver and shot at me. I was alone in
the room and the door was not closed on
the officer's knee."

when they refused he drew his revolver,
and, showing it through the opening, dis-
charged it. The bullet struck the neck of a
bottle of beer, broke it and buried itself in
the wall.

After the shot was fired there was no fur-
ther effort made to keep Rosenberg from
entering, and, once inside, he placed Mc-
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In the station house Rosenberg charged his
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MORTON WILL OPEN

A PALACE OF WONDER.

Governor for To-night of Touch-
the-Button Land, Where
Everybody Rests.

His Finger to Fire Cannon Thousands
of Miles Away, Across Land
and Sea.

MACHINERY OBEDIENT TO HIS WILL.

Electricity's Latest Marvels Ready for the
Exhibition—Combination of Stoking
and Embroidering—Experi-
ments of Scientists.

The electrical exhibition in the Grand
Central Palace will open to-night with at-
tractive ceremonies. Governor Morton will
stand under a circle of luminous tubes and
press a gold key—the same President
Cleveland touched to start the World's
Fair. Governor Morton's touch will fire a
cannon on the roof of the Grand Central
Palace, other cannon in San Francisco, New
Orleans, St. Paul, Augusta, Me., and Lon-
don and start the machinery in the exhi-
bition. Professor Prince, who is in Lon-
don, will touch a button and fire a "How-
are-you?" salute from another cannon on
the Grand Central Palace roof. The Mayors
of Brooklyn and New York will make
speeches, and so will other gentlemen, but
the visitors need not stop to listen unless
they wish. There are thousands of wonder-
ful things to see.

Professor Max Osterberg has charge of
the educational exhibit. Professor Oster-
berg is a scientist and can use technical
terms by the yard if he wants to, but he
possesses the rare talent for a scientist of
being able to explain things to laymen and
of knowing what laymen want to see. He
has arranged a big booth, painted black in-
side and perfectly dark. Several diamonds
loaned by Tiffany will be placed inside
glass boxes on the wall. An audience will
be admitted to the booth, a strong elec-
tric light will be turned on for several
minutes, and when the current is turned
off the diamonds will throw out light suf-
ficient to light the booth. The secret is in
the fact that some diamonds are phos-
phorescent. They retain light as does phos-
phorus and cast it off when in a dark
place. Not all diamonds possess this qual-
ity, and Professor Osterberg expects to
mystify his visitors with the effect.

Another device he thinks will amuse and
instruct is a revolving wheel on which are
a set of Geissler tubes, the forerunners of
the Crookes tubes. These tubes are
vacuums, and are so constructed that they
throw out all colors. When the room is
darkened and the wheel is revolved the ef-
fect is as if the rainbow were doing a skirt
dance.

To disabuse the minds of persons who
think electricity moves instantaneously,
Professor Osterberg has borrowed from
Professor Pupin, of Columbia College, a
machine that offers the same resistance to
a current as if the current were going to
Europe by cable. Professor Osterberg is
authority for the statement that the time
will be from three to four seconds.

Among other odd devices in Professor
Osterberg's department is an arrangement
whereby if a penny or any metallic sub-
stance is placed on a cap of carbon it will
go up in vapor. Another apparatus will
change water into its gases—hydrogen and
oxygen. And another will heat water in
an instant.

On the same floor will be the exhibit of
Ellhu Thomson, requiring four hundred
square feet of table space and including a
floating lamp, which throws out light while
in a cistern of water and apparently with-
out any connection with a dynamo.

The exhibit of Dr. Park Thompson of old
books on electricity includes the first book
in which the word electricity was used. It
was published in 1650 by Walter Charleton,
who advocated the use of magnetic powder

in the case of wounds inflicted in conflict.
The peculiar part of the treatment was to
be applied to the sword that inflicted the
wound and then the wound was dressed in
the ordinary way. Another of the books
bears the autograph of Benedict Arnold
and was one of the first works on the sub-
ject brought to this country.

In Edison's exhibits are the models of
nearly all his inventions filed in the Patent
Office and loaned by the Government, which
has a representative on the ground to look
after them. One of these is a voting ma-
chine—the first invention of Mr. Edison—
which he wanted Congress to adopt in 1858.
It was arranged so that a yen and nay
button should be on each Representative's
desk, and instead of responding to roll call
members could touch the button and an
annunciator would do the rest.

In the main hall there is a tank in which
will be a model of canal boats run by
trolley; a watch demagnetizer on which
visitors can place their timepieces and have
them demagnetized, and a dentist's ma-
chine operated by electricity. Persons who
love ghoulish things will find coils of the
wire that conveyed electricity to kill mur-
derers. The women will see a kitchen
where cooking is done by electricity.

In the basement a young woman will
show how easy it is to do things with elec-
tricity by taking care of the boiler that
runs fourteen engines. She will press a
button when coal is needed, she will press
another to take out ashes, and will have a
much time on her hands that she can do
fancy work as diversion.

The mystery surrounding the case has
not yet been unraveled. The man during a
conscious moment had said he was Robert
Wilson, and a week ago a Mrs. Wilson,
of No. 112 Thirty-first street, Brooklyn,
declared him to be her missing husband,
Robert, seventy-five years old. The fol-
lowing day she retracted her statement
and said her husband had returned home.

The investigation was pursued no fur-
ther, and the stranger became known as
the "mysterious patient."

A stranger, apparently twenty-five years
of age, well-dressed, called to see the pa-
tient yesterday afternoon. He refused to
say anything and soon departed.

HE MADE A PERILOUS TRIP.

A Fisherman Braved the Niagara Rapids in
a Flat-Bottomed Boat.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., May 3.—In the pres-
ence of between two and three thousand
people F. C. Helms, a fisherman, of this
city, this afternoon made the perilous trip
through the rapids above the American
Falls down to within a few feet of Goat
Island in an ordinary flat-bottomed boat.

The floating ice in the river made the
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CHAUNCEY TO RACE

WITH A SEXTUPLET.

Dr. Depew Matches the Empire
State Express Against
Six Bicyclers.

Course Will Be for a Mile on a
Straightforward Track Near
Poughkeepsie.

CONTEST TO TAKE PLACE JUNE 5.

Inventors of the New Machine Claim Their
Men Can Cover the Distance in
37 Seconds and Defeat
the Locomotive.

One of the most extraordinary races on
record is scheduled for the 5th of next
month. On that date six athletic cyclists,
headed by Dan Cahane, of St. Louis, all
riding on one machine called a "sextuplet,"
will endeavor to beat the Empire State
Express, which is the fastest railway train
in the world.

The race is to be over one mile, at a
point where the huge flying locomotive may
safely crowd on its greatest speed. In
order to test the claims of the makers of the
"sextuplet," that, with their machine,
the unaided muscles and shins of man
can carry him more rapidly than the most
perfect application of the powers of steam,
a five-mile track is to be laid at the
side of the New York Central Railroad,
near Poughkeepsie, and here the test will
be made.

It is necessary that the track should be
five miles in length, as the full speed of the
sextuplet cannot be attained in less than
two miles, and it takes two more to come
to a stop so that the six riders may alight
safely. The race will, therefore, be over
the third or fourth mile of the track. The
start will be so timed that both train and
cyclists will commence the racing mile to-
gether, and then both will be sent along at
the utmost speed.

Chauncey M. Depew is greatly interested
in the coming race.

"I doubt if the riders can beat our train,"
he said. "If they do, they will have to
cover the mile in less than forty-seven sec-
onds. Every facility will be afforded them.
The track to be laid, I understand, will be
as smooth as a billiard table. It is easy
to understand that at such a speed as they
expect to make the smallest inequality
might upset the machine, and the conse-
quences would be disastrous. The rail-
way company will probably run special
trains to the scene of the race, as it is an-
ticipated that the affair will excite much
interest among wheelmen, and there will
probably be a large attendance of specta-
tors."

The Empire State Express leaves New
York at 8:30 a. m., and arrives at Albany
11:10. The race will probably, therefore,
take place about 10 o'clock. I understand
that the proprietors of the sextuplet are
confident of success, as they estimate their
machine, with a flying start, can be ridden
a mile in about thirty-seven seconds.

The sextuplet is a bicycle in every sense
of the word. It has only two wheels,
it has seat and pedalling gear for six
riders. In the hands of the front man only
is the steering apparatus, and in front
of him is a wedge-shaped aluminum "air
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